GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department –Appeal Petition of Sri P. Satyananda Rao, FSO(Retd), formerly Forest beat Officer, Visakhapatnam Division against the Punishment of imposing a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year , besides recovery of Rs. 11,020/- Modified the punishment to that of 2% cut in pension for a period of one(1) year without any recovery - Orders–Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 9 Dated: 25-01-2017
Read the following:

1. Appeal Petition of Sri P. Satyananda Rao, FSO(Retd) dt. 26.3.2011
2. G.M. No. 1936/For.IV/A2/2011-1, dt. 26.3.2011.
3. From PCCF Lr. Rc. No.4443/2007/K1, dt. 11.10.2012.
4. G.M. No. 1936/For.IV/A2/2011-2, dt. 23.01.2014.
5. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 4443/2007/Vig-2, dt. 10.08.2015 together with further defense dt. 22.5.2014 of Sri P. Satyananda Rao, FSO(Retd)
6. Govt. Lr. No. 1936/For.IV/A2/2011, dt.14.12.2016
7. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 07/DC&C/2/2017, dt. 07.01.2017.

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In the reference 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests informed that, an Article of Charge was issued against Sri P Satyanarayana Rao, formerly Forest Beat Officer, Payakaraopeta Beat of Yellamanchili Range, Visakhapatnam Division by the Divisional Forest Officer , Visakhapatnam vide Rc.No.1659/2007/E, dated 18-09-2007, on the following:-

> " That the said Sri P.Satyananda Rao, while working as Forest Beat Officer of Yellamanchili Range from 21-11-2004 to 08-07-2005 has exhibited gross neglect of duty , shown lack of devotion to duty and connived with the Forest Section Officer and responsible for committing irregularities which were pointed out by the Divisional Forest Section officer, Vigilance –III,O/o the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, during his inspection in Payakaraorpeta Section of Yelamanchili range in maintenance of 3.00 Ha. Eucalyptus Plantation raised during 2005-06 in Seetharampuram VSS and Bamboo Plantation in Donkada kotturu VSS".

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 01-07-2007, but did not submit explanation within the stipulated time. Vide Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests Rc.No. 4443/2007/PXA-3, dated 15-06-2008, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and the Divisional Forests Officer, Visakhapatnam were appointed as common Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively. The Inquiry Officer in his findings concluded that due to his negligence Eucalyptus plantation resulted in low survival, and bamboo plantation failed and hence the expenditure of Rs. 2,706/- incurred on ploughing and Rs. 8,314/- incurred on uprootal of stumps was liable to be recovered from the Charged Officer and held the charge proved. After examining the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the case was finalized awarding punishment of "withholding of next one annual grade increment with cumulative effect, besides recovery of Rs. 11,020/-" vide PCCF Proceedings No.4443/2007/K1(ii),dated7.12.2010.

3. Against the above orders, the applicant has submitted an appeal petition to the Government. The Appeal Petition has been examined with reference to the remarks and records of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests and it is observed that the punishment of "withholding of next one annual grade increment with cumulative effect , besides

recovery of Rs. 11,020/-" against Sri P.Satyananda Rao, FSO (Retd) imposed by the PCCF is not implementable due to his retirement on 31-03-2011. It is therefore decided to modify the punishment of "withholding of next one annual grade increment with cumulative effect, besides recovery of Rs. 11,020/- to that of imposing a penalty of 5% cut in pension for one year, besides recovery of Rs. 11,020/- against Sri P.Satyananda rao, FSO(Retd) as a measure of punishment under Rule -9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules,1980, since he has already retired from service on 31-03-2011.

4. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 4th read above. The PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, vide ref.5th read above has forwarded the further defense statement of the C.O. to the Show cause notice, wherein the Charged Officer has submitted that an amount of Rs.23,822/- including Rs.11020 was adjusted from the DCRG.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, without any recovery against the retired Charged Officer Sri P. Satyananda Rao, FSO(Retd), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.07 /DC&C/2/2017, dt.07.01.2017).

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER